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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

Rosendo FLORES-Bernal (1),
Oscar GONZALEZ-Camargo (2),

Defendants.

Mag. Case No. **08 MJ 8480**
COMPLAINT FOR VIOLATION OF:
Title 8, U.S.C., Section 1324(a)(1)(A)(ii)
Illegal Transportation of Aliens
Title 18 U.S.C., Section 2, Aiding and
Abetting

The undersigned complainant, being duly sworn, states:

On or about May 28, 2008, within the Southern District of California, defendants, Rosendo FLORES-Bernal and Oscar GONZALEZ-Camargo, with the intent to violate the immigration laws of the United States, knowing and in reckless disregard of the fact that aliens, Berenice CABRERA-Guerrero, Mariajose CORONA-Morales and Monserrat CORONA-Morales had come to, entered or remained in the United States in violation of law, did transport or move, said aliens within the United States in furtherance of such violation of law; in violation of Title 8, United States Code, Section, 1324(a)(1)(A)(ii) and Title 18, United States Code, Section 2.

And the complainant states that this complaint is based on the attached statement of facts which, is incorporated herein by reference.


Senior Border Patrol Agent

SWORN TO BEFORE AND SUBSCRIBED IN MY PRESENCE THIS 29th DAY OF MAY 2008.


PETER C. LEWIS
United States Magistrate Judge

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4 Oscar GONZALEZ-Camargo (2)

5 STATEMENT OF FACTS

6 The complainant states that this complaint is based upon statements in the
7 investigative reports by U. S. Border Patrol Agent J. Benavides that on May 28, 2008
8 the defendants, Rosendo FLORES-Bernal and Oscar GONZALEZ-Camargo, both
9 citizens of Mexico, were apprehended in Brawley, California, along with sixteen (16)
10 undocumented aliens from Mexico, in violation of law.

11 On May 28, 2008 at approximately 8:40 a.m., U. S. Border Patrol Agent's
12 received information that a vehicle had crossed the International Boundary with Mexico
13 west of the Calexico West Port of Entry. The El Centro Border Patrol Station's Remote
14 Video Surveillance System (RVSS) Operator confirmed this information and located a
15 pickup truck driving through the desert in an area that is notoriously known for being
16 used by smugglers. The RVSS operator reported a white pick-up truck with no camper
17 shell was northbound from the border area. When the truck reached Highway 98,
18 Customs and Border Protection (CBP) Pilots R. Roden and R. Baker maintained a
19 constant visual of the truck. Agent J. Morales was able to get close enough to have the
20 truck's registration checked. The truck's registration revealed it has a release of liability
21 with no current owner. Agent Morales informed other units the truck was traveling at a
22 high rate of speed and the CBP Pilots maintained a constant visual on the truck as it
23 sped away from Agent Morales. Agents J. Vera and J. Benavides, who were driving an
24 unmarked Border Patrol vehicle, were able to locate and follow the truck. The agents
25 observed the driver, later identified as Rosendo FLORES-Bernal, drive the truck
26 through several stop signs and ignored stop lights while continuing to travel at high
27 speeds. At one point, FLORES drove through a stop sign and forced another motorist
28 off the road.

29 FLORES eventually drove to the outskirts of Brawley, California. Agents had
notified the Brawley Police Department of the direction of travel FLORES was taking.

1 Brawley Police Officer J. Rotner encountered the truck near Highway 86 and Legion
2 Roads in Brawley. Officer Rotner took over primary pursuit of the truck and using his
3 emergency lights and siren on his marked Brawley Police sedan attempted to stop
4 FLORES. FLORES failed to yield to Officer Rotner. Other units from the Brawley
5 Police Department assisted in the pursuit of FLORES. During the pursuit, FLORES
6 traveled through the City of Brawley at high speed and at one point, traveling at high
7 speeds, went through a posted school zone during school hours of operation.

8 FLORES led law enforcement on a pursuit that eventually came to the Brawley
9 Airport. FLORES came to a dead end at the Airport due to chain link fences and gates.
10 However, FLORES used the truck to ram two gates at the Airport in an attempt to
11 continue to flee from law enforcement. On the second gate the truck became disabled.
12 FLORES and another front seat passenger, later identified as Oscar GONZALEZ-
13 Camargo, ran from the truck. FLORES and GONZALEZ were soon apprehended by
14 Agents Vera and Robles at the scene. As Agent Vera and Benavides approached the
15 occupants still inside the truck, they identified themselves and questioned them. It was
16 determined the occupants are all citizens Mexico illegally in the United States.

17 Brawley Police Officers J. Rotner, B. Harsang, R. Davey and M. Fuentes were all
18 able to positively identify FLORES as the driver of the truck during the pursuit.
19 FLORES, GONZALEZ and the undocumented aliens were arrested and transported to
20 the EL Centro Border Patrol Station.

21 Agent Vera read FLORES his rights per Miranda. FLORES stated he
22 understood his rights and was willing to speak with agents without an attorney present.
23 FLORES stated he made arrangements with an unknown smuggler to be smuggled in
24 to the United States. FLORES stated he was to drive the truck into the United States in
25 lieu of payment for smuggling. FLORES stated there was a phone in the truck in which
26 he used to obtain directions from. FLORES stated he smoke "ICE" before embarking on
27 his trip into the United States.

28 Material Witnesses Monserrat CORONA-Morales and Mariajose CORONA-
29 Morales stated they made arrangements in Mexico to pay a fee to be smuggled into

1 United States. Material Witness Berenice CABRERA-Guerrero stated she made
2 arrangements to pay Rosendo FLORES-Bernal a fee of \$2,500.00 to smuggle her into
3 the United States.

4 Monserrat CORONA-Morales and Mariajose CORONA-Morales stated they were
5 traveling in the front cab of the truck. Monserrat CORONA-Morales and Mariajose
6 CORONA-Morales stated both men, FLORES and GONZALEZ, loaded the group into
7 the truck. Monserrat CORONA-Morales and Mariajose CORONA-Morales stated
8 GONZALEZ was giving FLORES directions on how to drive and kept yelling to FLORES
9 to keep going throughout the entire ride. Monserrat CORONA-Morales and Mariajose
10 CORONA-Morales stated when they were afraid and yelling at FLORES to stop,
11 GONZALEZ told them to "Shut-up." Monserrat CORONA-Morales and Mariajose
12 CORONA-Morales stated they heard the emergency sirens of the pursuing officer.
13 Monserrat CORONA-Morales stated the only ones who ran away from the scene were
14 FLORES and GONZALEZ.

15 CABRERA stated FLORES was being called "El Cora" by his associates around
16 him. CABRERA stated she sat in the front seat of the truck between the driver,
17 FLORES, and his associate, later identified as Oscar GONZALEZ-Camargo. CABRERA
18 stated GONZALEZ told FLORES to wait for shift change before driving through.
19 CABRERA stated both men arrived together to pick up and loaded up the group.
20 CABRERA stated both men attempted to flee from the Police once the vehicle stopped.

21 Monserrat CORONA-Morales, Mariajose CORONA-Morales and Berenice
22 CABRERA-Guerrero Stated FLORES was driving at high rates of speed, through
23 school zones, ran stop signs and disregarded traffic lights.

24 Monserrat CORONA-Morales, Mariajose CORONA-Morales and Berenice
25 CABRERA-Guerrero were shown two separate six pack photo line-ups and identified
26 FLORES as the driver of the truck and GONZALEZ as the second smuggler of the
27 group

28 Agents interviewed GONZALEZ, the only other front seat passenger who
29 attempted to abscond with FLORES. Agent Vera read GONZALEZ his rights per

1 Miranda. GONZALEZ stated he understood his rights and was willing to speak with
2 agents without an attorney present. GONZALEZ stated he tried to illegally cross into the
3 United States but failed. GONZALEZ stated he helped the driver, FLORES, load up the
4 individuals into the truck and then covered them with a tarp. GONZALEZ stated he
5 used two types of drugs prior to them embarking on their trip into the United States.
6 GONZALEZ stated he used "ICE" and marijuana.

7 The complainant states that the names of the Material Witnesses are as follows:

8 <u>NAME</u>	9 <u>PLACE OF BIRTH</u>
10 Berenice CABRERA-Guerrero	Mexico
11 Mariajose CORONA-Morales	Mexico
12 Monserrat CORONA-Morales	Mexico

14 Further, complainant states that Berenice CABRERA-Guerrero, Mariajose
15 CORONA-Morales and Monserrat CORONA-Morales are citizens of a country other than
16 the United States; that said aliens have admitted that they are deportable; that their
17 testimony is material, that it is impracticable to secure their attendance at the trial by
18 subpoena; and they are material witnesses in relation to this criminal charge and should
19 be held or admitted to bail pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 3144.
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